

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – JUNE 19, 2018**

- Nancy Abeles called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. BIC and audience members introduced themselves. Captain Jones, NSAB Base Commander, announced that he would be retiring and introduced his relief, Captain Mary Seymour. Shawna Lemonds was also introduced as a new NSAB community liaison.
- Updates from Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator:
 - Check out the County's BRAC site:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/>
 - Matters discussed at BIC meetings are detailed chronologically with background material on the website's "Get Involved" Page:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/get_involved.asp
 - Printable Timeline: Anticipated Construction-Related Traffic Disruptions in Bethesda:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac_projects_timeline.pdf
 - BRAC Transportation Projects and Commuting Options:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects_glance.asp
 - News and Updates from NSAB can be found on the campus on-line weekly JOURNAL which generally publishes on Thursday:
<http://www.dcmilitary.com/journal/>
 - Phil reminded the Committee to get traffic and BRAC news and information first by following Montgomery County BRAC on Twitter @BracMoCoMD
- Updates on the MD 355 Multimodal Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station -- Frank Kingsley (MCDOT), Phil Sheridan (Clark Construction):
 - News and documentation are on the County's comprehensive Crossing Project web site (<http://md355crossing.com/>) that supplements the County's BRAC web site (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac) and Twitter account (@BRACMoCoMD). The site includes photos of the ongoing construction.
 - Blasting to excavate the 135-foot deep elevator shaft to the Metro mezzanine is complete. Blasting is also complete for the underground tunnel connecting the shaft to the mezzanine. Any further necessary excavation will not require blasting. Breakthrough into WMATA's mechanical facilities has already taken place; and MCDOT expects to break into the Mezzanine in the coming months.

- **Construction of the pedestrian underpass has been vigorous but completely out of sight because it is underground. Concrete pouring is almost complete.**
- **Work began last March on improvements to the adjacent intersections of Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road and Rockville Pike/Woodmont Avenue/Center Drive (NIH). Lane Closures have taken place generally during daytime non-peak hours, overnight, or on weekends.**
<http://md355crossing.com/single-lane-closures-on-rockville-pike-in-march-and-april-near-jones-bridge-road-and-woodmont-avenue/>
- **Complaints continue about confusing signaling and signage related to the Dynamic Signaling on southbound Rockville Pike at eastbound Jones Bridge Road**, especially where one lane has two arrows -- one indicating a left turn and one indicating a through lane.
- **Debbie Michaels of Glenbrook Village HOA raised a concern about the intersection work at JBR/Rockville Pike.** She noted that SHA had worked closely with the HOA since 2007 to minimize impacts on Glenbrook Village, which maintains its own roads and sidewalks privately and apart from the County. She stated, however, that recent construction has not followed agreements. MCDOT, SHA and the contractor are working with her to resolve these issues.
- **Update on MCDOT's Platt Ridge Drive Extension Project:** This project will extend Platt Ridge Drive northward from Jones Bridge Road into the Chevy Chase Valley neighborhood, and provide safe ingress and egress with a signalized four-way intersection. Clearing and grubbing has begun along the planned roadway and will take approximately nine months to complete. The signal that has been placed temporarily on JBR at Spring Valley Road will be removed.
- **SHA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMNET PROJECT UPDATES:**
 - **MD 185 (Connecticut Ave) at Jones Bridge Road:** Design of the intersection near completion. This will add a new lane on eastbound JBR between Platt Ridge and Connecticut Ave., to create an additional northbound left turn lane onto Connecticut. Because a portion of eastbound JBR traffic west of Connecticut will shift to the south, some lane widening will be required on JBR east of Connecticut to ensure safe traffic movements crossing Connecticut. Meetings with the affected communities, especially Chevy Chase Park on the southeast corner. SHA has modified the original plans to minimize impacts as much as possible on the community. Project construction, including utilities relocation, will begin after the MCDOT project at Platt Ridge Drive is finished, probably in 2019. The project will take approximately two years.

- **NOTE: This SHA link provides updates on all the BRAC Intersection Improvement Projects. Use the “Feedback” Tab to ask questions or register complaints:**
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5932125>
- **MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road) at Cedar Lane/Oakmont Drive:** This SHA project is complete.
 - **Related SHA/MCDOT project extending the Bethesda Trolley Trail along southbound Old Georgetown Road is complete:** Issues have been ongoing in the immediate community about sightlines and conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists where the Trolley Trail meets state and county roads (Old Georgetown and Alta Vista).
- **MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Cedar Lane/West Cedar Lane:** This project is complete.
- **NSAB UPDATES:** Swing space construction is complete and staff will relocate from interior campus buildings scheduled for demolition to precede eventual construction of hospital “Building C.” NSAB personnel from the Base Commander on down are in frequent communication with residents of adjoining neighborhoods to resolve issues related to construction on the NSAB campus. NSAB strives to be a good neighbor and is sensitive to matters such as overflow contractor parking and construction-related noise.
 - **NOTE: A DOD website offers a good overview of NSAB**
<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/537593/nsab-overview> **and the campus newspaper, the Journal, can be viewed on-line**
<http://www.dcmilitary.com/journal/>.
- **NIH UPDATES:** Susan Roberts noted that there is significant ongoing construction in the interior of the NIH campus.
- **PLANNING DEPT.:** Steve Aldrich reported that groundbreaking for the new Marriott HQ is imminent.
- **Nancy Abeles adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next Committee meeting schedule is for October 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center.**

BRAC Committee members in attendance, June 19, 2018:

Nancy Abeles, Bethesda Crest and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee
 Steve Aldrich, Montgomery County Planning Department

Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator
Frank Kingsley, Montgomery County Dept. Of Transportation
Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association
Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association
Debbie Michaels, Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association
Sara Morningstar, Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Susan Roberts, National Institutes of Health
Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine

Ex officio:

Captain Marvin Jones, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Captain Mary Seymour, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Ryan Emery, Installation Transportation Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Jeremy Brooks, Public Affairs, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Shawna Lemonds, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Matt Higgins, Council Member Roger Berliner

Other Attendees (signed in):

Allan Glass
Derrick Harrigan, BCC RSC
Katya Marin, East Bethesda Citizens Association
Michael Paylor, MCDOT Traffic Division
Phil Sheridan, Clark Construction Group